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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 9115

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR VS ID

SUBJECT: GOI/GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY DISPUTE

REF: JAKARTA 7917

1. LOCAL AGIP MANAGER CALLED EMBOFF JULY 23 REQUESTING APPOINTMENT FOR HIM AND SINGAPORE MANAGER ATWOOD DRILLING COMPANY TO DISCUSS USG POSITION CONCERNING USE OF US-BASED ATWOOD DRILLING COMPANY TO DRILL EXPLORATORY WELL IN GOI/GVN SOUTH CHINA SEA DISPUTED AREA. (FYI. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT DRILLING WOULD NOT BE IN AREA PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED BY FORMER SOUTH VIETNAM GOVERNMENT TO ANY INTERNATIONAL OIL CONTRACTOR. END FYI.)) HE SAID AGIP SOUGHT AND WAS GRANTED PERTAMINA APPROVAL (NO OBJECTION) TO UNDERTAKE DRILLING IN DISPUTED AREA BUT WITHOUT GUARANTEE GOI MILITARY PROTECTION. ACCORDING AGIP MANAGER, ATWOOD'S HOUSTON OFFICE CONTACTED DEPARTMENT FOR GUIDANCE AND WAS TOLD "USG WOULD PREFER ATWOOD POSTPONE DRILLING UNTIL SITUATION IS CLARIFIED."

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2. FOLLOWING CALL FROM AGIP, EMBOFF CONTACTED LOCAL

REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS PETROLEUM AND TENNECO WHO ARE PARTNERS WITH AGIP IN SOUTH CHINA SEA CONTESTED AREA. PHILLIPS MANAGER OBSERVED, " IN LIGHT OF HINDSIGHT," IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR AGIP TO HAVE CLEARED SITUATION WITH ATWOOD BEFORE SEEKING PERTAMINA APPROVAL. AS GIP PARTNERS, PHILLIPS MANAGER SAID PHILLIPS AND TENNECO WILL SUPPORT AGIP BUT, FOR TIME BEING, PREFERRED TO REMAIN "AT ARMS LENGTH" RATHER THAN RISK COMPLICATING RELATIONSHIP WITH PERTAMINA. (FYI - PHILLIPS IS OPERATOR FOR OTHER AREAS INCLUDING VERY PROMISING BLOCK IN IRIAN JAYA. END FYI.)

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE US OF POSITION DEPARTMENT HAAS CONVEYED TO ATWOOD IN THIS CASE. NEWSOM

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